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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to further examination of this application on  
its merits, please add the following new claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims:

16. A server which communicates with a terminal  
through a communications network, comprising:  
a temporary line disconnection unit, monitoring a  
content of received data from the terminal, when a

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